**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, February 21, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (February 21, 2016)**

 Services, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., “Black Lives Matter”\*, Rev. Carie Johnsen

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades K-2), 9:15 am – 11:00 a.m.

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 4-6), 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 7-9) 9:15 a.m. – Noon

 Members/Friends (Photo Session SIGNUP), During Coffee Hour <FMI: See Notices>

 🡪Voter Registration hosted by Social Justice Committee and MUUSAN,

 During Coffee Hour <FMI: See Notices>

 Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 pm, FH

\*Black Lives Matter is not a moment but a movement. This service engages the national conversation broadening to include all the ways Black people are intentionally left powerless at the hands of the state. **Thank you to all who met with Rev. Carie to help shape this important dialogue.**

**TODAY (O.W.L.) Religious Exploration Classes Continue**

O.W.L. Religious Exploration classes are being held at the times noted above. Kiddos in the Grades K-2 and Grades 4-6 programs should attend the 9:15 a.m. service to be dismissed to the RE programs after the Wisdom Story. Grades 7-9 can go directly to the Drew House for their class beginning at 9:15 a.m. Please contact Monique McAuliffe at YouthAdvisor@augustauu.org or 242-6415 if you have any questions.

**TODAY during Coffee Hour, VOTER REGISTRATION**: The Social Justice Committee and the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) will be registering voters at Coffee Hour TODAY. If you have moved, are a new voter, or are unenrolled and want to enroll as a Democrat or Republican so you can attend a caucus (coming early March), this is an easy way to register to vote. You will need proof of address such as a valid Maine Driver's license or a utility bill with your correct address on it. --The Social Justice Committee.

**TODAY, Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 – 2 pm, FH**

We will continue Directions, Elements and Stages of Our Lives that we started in January, and move into Imbolc, which celebrates the movement from winter toward spring with Brigit, the young goddess. The dates and topics for the year are found on the UUCC website (Church Life). Youth and adults, all genders, are welcome. For more information, contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com).

**Notices**

**Next Sunday, Feb 28th - Finance 101** Noon in FH

How do we ensure financial stability for the church while upholding our spiritual values? Do you have questions about how the church budget is developed, how we are doing financially, or how spending decisions are made? Come and hear from the experts. Board and Finance Committee members will present about this year's budget process and take your questions. Lunch and child care provided*.*

**Still TIME to VOTE for the Augusta Food Bank**

There is still time to place your VOTE in the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters More campaign.

By voting for the Augusta Food Bank, you are voting to ***help alleviate hunger in our community*** as $5,000 will put a lot of meals on a lot of plates. Stop by any Bangor Savings Bank to vote or vote online at [www.bangor.com/cmm](http://www.bangor.com/cmm). Voting ends Monday, February 29, 2016 at 11:59pm. Thank you for your continued support! – Pam Lombard

**Fellowship Refreshments Needed.** The kitchen corner cupboard is full of crackers and rice cakes but we need some cookies. Dollar Tree is very reasonable source for goodies- their fudge stripe cookies are a big hit with the kids and the ginger snaps are great as well. Dollar Tree often has shelf stable milk which is very handy to have in the cupboard. Of course, home baked goods, fruit, or baby carrots brought on any Sunday are always a welcome addition. Individually wrapped/labeled teas for the wooden tea caddy are needed as well.

**Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed.** Everyone enjoys coffee hour so please help by taking a turn making it happen. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**UUCC Photo Directory**

Members and friends of our church! You will have the once-every-several-years opportunity to shine your face and personality on the pages of our next UUCC Photo Directory. We will be taking the photos on Friday, March 18th from 2:00 to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Time slots with the photographer at the church are 10 minutes each. People should plan to spend an hour, however, to include check-in, the photo session, and viewing them afterward. The **signup sheets** for appointments will be available between services for **the next three Sundays**.

***Every Photo = free picture & directory***

If you’re unable to sign up at the church on February 21, 28 or March 6, please call the church office **after** those sign-up dates.

**Display Case in Hallway:**

Contact the church office or Helen Zidowecki (hzmre@hzmre.com) to schedule a display around a theme of the month, a special theme from Small Group Ministry, a focus from a committee or church group, or for a special interest......

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, February 22, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Sangha Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

 ~~SGM (Dunn),~~– Chg’d to Monday, Feb. 29th

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

 SGM (D. Sorensen), 10:00 am, Off Premises

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 SGM (M. Stengel), 2:00 pm, Off Premises

 SGM Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, CR

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

 Seasoned Souls, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 25, 2016** <No events scheduled>

**Friday, February 26, 2016**

 Drum Circle, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

 RENTAL (MMNP), 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, FH

**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

 Services, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.,

 “The Four Agreements”\*\*, Helen Parè

 Members/Friends (Photo Session SIGNUP), During Coffee Hour <see Notice>

 Finance 101 – Congregational Meeting, Noon, Fellowship Hall <See Notice Above>

\*\*Be impeccable with your word. Don’t take anything personally. Don’t make assumptions. Always do your best.

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, Feb 29th, 2016 - New UU Class CONTINUES**

February 29TH Drew House AND March 21ST Fellowship Hall (All classes 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Join us in the Drew House as we continue the New UU Class that began on February 15th.

**Friday, March 11, 2016 – Family FUN Night – Pizza / Dessert and BINGO Night** (5:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

$5 donations per person or $20 per family to cover costs. Please bring 2-3 gently used items from your home for bingo prizes. This is a perfect opportunity for re-gifting those much-appreciated items you just don’t know what to do with. Please let us know how many in your family will be attending. An email to admin@augustuauu.org will help us to plan and order sufficient pizza.

**Sunday, March 13, 2016 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -** Columnist JP DEVINE, Book Discussion

On Sunday, March 13th, 1:00 p.m.(after Elder Lunch), UUCC will present Waterville columnist JP Devine for an hour of his humorous storytelling journey. JP Devine's book “Will Write For Food” is kind of like Forrest Gump’s iconic box of chocolates: “You never know what you’re gonna get.”

The newspaper calls them columns, but they’re really true short stories, memories from over thirty years of living on the edge from coast to coast. That’s what you get when you hire a former television writer/actor/director to write for your paper. “Will Write” is the paper trail of a young man’s quirky journey from South St. Louis to the Broadway stage to films and television, writing for the Los Angeles Times, to stand-up comedy in Hollywood, ending in a frantic flight to escape the madness of show business, and finding peace in the healing silence of Maine. There is mostly laughter in these pieces, but as the great actor Zero Mostel once said, “ All comedy comes from pain. Ask any Jew.” So of course there are tears here. All recipes need salt.

**Friday, April 8, 2016 \*MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!\***

Build valuable connections within our UUCC Community on April 8. Enjoy our Supper Café with your friends and bid on the useful services and beautiful items donated by your fellow church members. There will be something here for everyone in our church that evening.

Silent Auction begins at 4 p.m., Supper Café 5-7 p.m. and Live Auction with Surprises 7-9 p.m.

See you there!—Hannah (293-9377), Terry (557-2557) and the Auction Committee.

**Sunday, April 10th, 1:00p.m. (After Elder lunch)**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "Weathering Shame"** by Kevin Mannix (Channel 8 weatherman) and Linda Rota.

They will discuss their personal journey of the shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives. They will share their experiences, struggles, and feelings of shame that results from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide. They hope to offer awareness and inspiration through their personal stories. Their book will be available for purchase.

**For the complete calendar of events, visit the UUCC website: www.augustauu.org**

**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 2/14/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) $ 3,176.00

 Offering 115.00

 Rentals (MACPM and Naber) 335.00

 Fundraising (Bonus Cards) 55.00

 Fundraising (CLYNK) 100.00

 Fundraising (Cookbooks) 45.00

 Fundraising (Miscellaneous) 3.00

 Total income for week $ 3,829.00

Avg budgeted wkly expenses for 2015/16 = $ 4,176.20

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

**Office Hours:**

Monday ----------------------------------<No office hours>

Tues, Wed and Thurs -------------- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday -------------------------------------<No office hours>

**Rev. Carie’s Office Hours:**

Monday No office Hours (Writing Day)

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday No office Hours (Sabbath day)

 <other hours available by appointment>

Our **Pastoral Ministry** Team is still here to provide confidential, caring and compassionate presence

during times of grief, loss, life changes and stress.

To request support or share pastoral concerns, please contact Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

**Caring Cooperative** support includes rides, meals, errands, get well and condolence cards

 as well as companion visits. If you need Caring Cooperative support or know someone that needs support, contact Cheryl Abruzzese at cam1nik2@gmail.com. If you do not have email you may reach Cheryl at (207) 858-5340.

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

Youth Advisor, Monique McAuliffe youthadvisor@augustauu.org

Small Group Ministry Coordinator, Luke Curtis, SGMCoordinator@augustauu.org

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